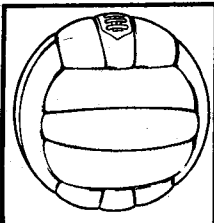


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# SOCCER SHAKE UP

By GEORGE YELLAND

THE Australian Soccer Federation has adopted in principle a proposal by Sir Stanley Rous, the world soccer chief, for a complete reconstruction of the administrative set-up of Australian soccer.

The proposal, if adopted, could have dramatic and far-reaching effects on Australian soccer. It could really put Australia on the face of the world soccer map.

The ASF will recommend to the States that a sub-committee be set up, consisting of one member from New South Wales, one from Victoria and two elected by the other States, under the chairmanship of Sir Stanley Rous.

Sir Stanley insists that recommendations of the sub-committee must be implemented for a period of two years.

VSF board of management chairman, Mr. Michael Weinstein, was present at a meeting attended by Sir Stanley during his recent visit to Australia.

He said: "There is no doubt

that the reconstruction of the ASF has to take place, sooner or later, and better sooner.

"I, personally, have an open mind about it and am receptive to any new proposals.

"The question is, should we give arbitrary power to such Committee?

"I would say yes, provided terms of reference are being drawn up and agreed on by the States."

I have tremendous respect for Mr. Weinstein's judgement and business acumen, but the danger lies in the "terms of reference".

There is no doubt that some officials would use this to hogtie the committee and preserve aspects of the game, which they favour, but which might defeat the object of Sir Stanley's plan.

RINGWOOD forward Wim Spiekerman nurses his ankle after a clash in the match against J.U.S.T. A team-mate and referee Contini stand over him.

## Boys to have trip

TWO hundred adults and 90 young soccer players will leave Central Park, Frankston, for Yallourn on Sunday.

The boys will be a representative group of Under 8s, 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s, drawn from Frankston Pines, Frankston City, Karingal, Seaford, Peninsula and Mornington Soccer clubs.

They will play similar groups drawn from Latrobe Valley junior teams in the Yallourn area.

Promotion of junior soccer in these two areas is well organised, and going ahead by leaps and bounds.

## Juniors leave for big games

WHEN the "Overland" left Melbourne for Adelaide last Saturday night it carried 32 excited ambassadors of Victorian sporting youth.

Squads of Under 12's and Under 14's from Victorian junior soccer are doing battle this week with South Australian juniors.

Coaches Bill Curran (Under 12's) and Paddy Sloan (Under 14's) have put in a lot of time and effort and are enthusiastic about the boys' chances of success.

Manager Lou Szantho said: "The boys are fit and raring to go. I expect three wins from the three games."

Paddy Sloan said that he was delighted with the way the Under 14's had absorbed tactics. Every member of the squad had attended every training session and were superbly fit.

Soccer News interviewed the respective captains before they left.

Victor Kostromin (11) is ideal for the job with the Under 12's.

Victor was born in Albury, but came to Melbourne at an early age, and has been with Footscray J.U.S.T. for five years and plays inside left.

He said: "This trip is good for the boys. It will help develop all of us. We have a good coach and manager, and the lads will do whatever they are told without question."

"We hope to make many friends in Adelaide and leave a good impression behind us."

As a very small child Clive Mullet (14) was taken to Tasmania by his parents from his native Welsh home in Cardiff.

Moving to Melbourne at the age of eight, he joined Ringwood City Wilhelmina

juniors and has played there for the past six years.

He said: "On behalf of the boys I want to thank the Federation for providing the money necessary to finance this trip."

"We hope to show our appreciation by winning our games and conducting ourselves in a way that will bring credit to Victorian junior soccer."

On Sunday the Victorian Under 16 squad left by plane for Newcastle.

Fit and confident, they are hopeful of giving a good account of themselves and perhaps bringing back the coveted National Under 16 trophy.

Soccer News junior affairs reporter John Robb, assistant manager to the squad, was enthusiastic about the boys.

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## What a scramble



THERE was a real scramble for the ball in this incident in the Wilhelmina-J.U.S.T. match. After the ball had been put into the goalmouth by Wim Spiekerman, these players made desperate efforts to reach it. Players shown, from left, are: Edgley (Ringwood), Milasavijevic (J.U.S.T.), Cir-kovic (J.U.S.T.), Rice (J.U.S.T.) and



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MEMBERS of the Victorian Under 12 squad are: Standing (left to right): Bill Curran, Coach, H. Bauer (Box Hill), A. Kotaridis (Sunshine City), P. Leumets (Altona), J. Szanino (Melbourne), D. Bozyk (Sunshine Heights), D. Cummings (Melbourne), Z. Csaki (Melbourne), J. Grima (Sunshine Heights), D. Davies (Bayswater), S. Skilling (Waverley City), Lou Szantho, team manager.

Front row (left to right): R. Verniers (Wilhelmina), V. Kostromin (J.U.S.T.), captain, K. McLeod (S.M. Hellas), C. Hemstrom (Melbourne), J. Palmer (Sunshine City).

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# Sir Stanley to the rescue!

By ALEX BARR

Apparently Soccer's bumbling officialdom have at last seen the light and accepted the proposal by Sir Stanley Rous to set up an administration for Australian soccer.

It was reported earlier that they had rejected his offer. This would have been in keeping, for they have done so many crazy things in the past.

To have given Sir Stanley the cold shoulder would have been the trumps.

Sir Stanley Rous, who was knighted for his brilliant services to soccer, is probably the greatest brain the game has ever had, respected and almost revered all over the world.

As F.I.F.A.'s trouble shooter Sir Stanley has successfully sorted out incredible situations in every continent, has settled disputes which sometimes bordered on civil war.

It cannot be denied that the game here has failed to flourish because of inefficient organisation.

There are over two million migrants here all from soccer playing countries. The game is the greatest single sporting industry in the world, yet we are small fry. Millions of potential customers have not been wooed.

Properly guided Australia soccer could in the two years asked by Sir Stanley hit the high spots, both here and on the world scene. Sir Stanley Rous was an extremely accomplished player, a world class referee, Secretary of the most powerful soccer Association in the World, the F.A., and currently head of the world body.

If Australia had rejected his offer — and

who knows they may still do so — Sir Stanley will be sad at heart. He loves soccer, he is dedicated to the game, and anything or anybody which is harmful to the code cuts him to the quick.

I recall an incident during the Olympic Games in Melbourne in 1956. One of our officials would not allow some of the Indonesian team to take the field barefoot. In my presence the official produced a book on the laws and rules of the game and pointed out why.

The paragraph he referred to was one which outlined the specifications regarding length and size of studs (studs) permitted. His punchline was "if the Indonesians cared to put stops in their barefeet, they would be complying with the laws laid down."

This of course was arrant nonsense. Anyone with half a brain would have realised that the passage he referred to was merely laying down the limits on such stops. Simply that a player could not wear anything other than those which were considered to be not likely to be dangerous to an opponent.

The situation was quite tense, I assure you. Without calling an emergency meeting of the Olympic Games dispute committee, Sir Stanley, then Mr., could not overrule the local upstart.

A lesser man would have panicked. Not he. Quietly he suggested to the Indonesian team that it would be much simpler to borrow some boots, take the field wearing them, and immediately they were on the field and under the referee's control shed them.

To begin with the Indonesians were not at

all happy with the idea as they knew quite well that the Australian official was completely wrong. However, Sir Stanley's persuasive tongue smoothed their ruffled feathers.

What followed was quite an incredible sight. Those of the Indonesian team who did not usually wear boots hobbled out onto the track at Olympic Park, took off the boots which they hadn't even bothered to lace up, and chucked them down for a waiting Russian official to collect.

The reason it was a Russian official who collected the boots was that they had loaned the offending equipment to their opponents. The match which followed was almost as incredible as the incident.

At the time anti-Russian feeling was very high in Indonesia. Now the team knew quite well that they had no hope of beating the strong Russian side. But they were determined to prove that they were a proud and stubborn race and were not to be brow-beaten by anyone.

For 90 incredible minutes we were treated to the spectacle of 10 Indonesians crammed into their own penalty area, with one lone forward, barefooted standing hopefully around the centre of the field.

The Russians peppered the Indonesian goal from all angles, but try as they may the ball just would not go in. Occasionally it was cleared upfield and the crowd would roar as the lone barefoot forward streaked after it in a lone chase, which of course proved futile.

The end came with the scoreboard blank, and a replay was required. The Indonesians had made their point. They proved their

stubbornness; they proved they could fight with their back to the wall; they proved their courage.

In the replay they proved something else. Their sportsmanship. They settled down, took up orthodox positions on the field, tackled hard but fair, were thrashed by the smooth Russian side.

I cannot recollect the exact score but it was fairly high, somewhere around the double figure mark. But this was not the end of an incident-packed affair. When the final whistle blew the Russian captain marshalled his players together, and they clapped the Indonesians off the field, to the delight of everyone present.

However, to get back to the point, this was only one matter where football brains played its part off the field. The local character believed he had made his point (how stupid); the game proceeded on time, which was Sir Stanley's aim; the Russians made friends with bitter enemies, the Indonesian team made friends with everyone, and all was well.

Some time ago Australian officialdom blundered by failing to take full advantage of the services of F.I.F.A.'s Mr. Kayser.

His visit here was inspired by Sir Stanley and the world authority of coaching players and coaches. Yet here he was treated as though he just crawled out from under a rock.

No doubt his poor reception here was duly recorded at world headquarters. Australia's reputation throughout the world of sport is a proud one, proud except in the soccer sphere. Let's hope Sir Stanley puts us on the right track.

## YALLOURN WIN SHIELD

The first annual Under 8s carnival, organised by Karingal United S.C., was a tremendous success.

Late entrants Yallourn carried off the trophy when they defeated Frankston Pines 1-0 in a rousing final.

Best player for Yallourn was Ian Nerrie, who showed remarkable ball control for such tender years. He scored the all-important goal.

Wilson Cleland was Pines' best player. He had phenomenal stamina. From start to finish he never stopped running in quest of the ball.

When he did get it he also demonstrated fine control, and these two certainly have the makings of good soccer players.

Eight clubs fielded teams and the early results were: Monash 1, Seaford "A" 0; Pines 8, Karingal "B" 0; Morwell 1, Yallourn 1; Karingal "A" 0, Seaford "A" 1; Peninsula 0, Pines 3; Karingal "A" 0, Monash 0; Karingal "B" 0, Peninsula 4; Yallourn 3, Morwell 0.

Yallourn and Pines

eventually qualified for the grand final.

It was a wonderful sight to see these tiny tots striving with everything they had. When they were bowled over they bounced up and got straight on with the game.

A successful raffle was run, and as a result of the day's proceedings Woorin, the charity for retarded children, will benefit by \$70.



It's all hands on deck in front of the Wilhelm goal as keeper Nick Van Egmond goes for the ball.

## Bobby Charlton's side

By ALEX BARR

Always a subject for speculation among supporters of any sport is the matter of what was the greatest team ever. Recently browsing through Bobby Charlton's book "Forward for England", which is published by the Sportsmen's Book Club, I noted with interest what Charlton had to say on this matter.

Being one of the all-time "greats" himself, and having played with and against all of the present-day stars, I feel Bobby Charlton's opinion is well worth while drawing to your attention. You will note that Charlton, whom I am sure would be a No. 1 pick by any of his contemporaries, has left himself out of the side.

This is how Charlton sees his team.

Djalma Santos (Brazil)  
Bolizik (Hungary)  
Garrincha (Brazil)  
Gorocoe (Hungary)  
Trautmann (Manchester City)

Meszozy (Hungary)  
Di Stefano (Argentina and Spain)  
Pele (Brazil)  
Marzolini (Argentina)  
Duncan Edwards (England)  
Gento (Spain)

And here is what Bobby Charlton has to say of the players he had to leave out. Eusebio, Puskas, Matthews, Finney, Yashin, John Charles, Dave Mackay, Nilton Santos and Dennis Law. All could easily have fitted into the team but I am afraid

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# IT JUST RAINED GOALS!

By George Yelland

In what must rank as the most prolific 45 minutes of goal scoring in State League history, Juventus led Lions by 7-2 at half-time last Sunday.

Only the outstanding brilliance of goalkeeper Jack Reilly, prevented even more goals, as attacks tore defences to shreds.

Footscray J.U.S.T. ran out winners over Ringwood City Wilhelmina, but only after a titanic crowd-pleasing struggle.

Although gaining a point from a draw game with Polonia, Port Melbourne-Slavia retain second bottom position, on goal average.

Hakoah fought out a hard battle with Box Hill, emerging victorious and now have the same number of points as Lions.

With Croatia on the skids, Hakoah could finish up in the four.

Even without injured forward star Billy Rogers, Melbourne had no trouble in defeating an out-of-touch George Cross.

South Melbourne Hellas came back to winning ways, against Croatia, after a long, lean period.

Ringwood City Wilhelmina 0, Footscray J.U.S.T. 2 (Vowles o.g., Zoraja). Referee: Mr. C. Contini. Jubilee Park. Crowd 1490.

Teams: R.C. WILHELMINA: Van Egmond, Plunkett, Vowles, Pygall, Bibby, Brouwer, Steele, Feenstra, Edgley, Spiekerman and Bunce. Duignan replaced Feenstra after 70 minutes.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Milisavljevic, Utjesnevic, Ruzmir, Mihajlovic, Rice, Cirkovic, Zoraja, Micic, Lulic, Buljevic and Adamovic.

Ringwood and Footscray provided 45 minutes of the best football seen in State League this season, in the first half at Jubilee Park on Sunday.

Both sides could, and should have scored more than once. Woodwork, last ditch clearances and sheer bad finishing, kept the score sheet lean.

For 20 minutes of the second half, the game continued at a high standard. Only a rather fortunate goal altered the picture.

A flying header by Frank Micic from a Cedo Cirkovic free kick, hit the post, rebounded on to Terry Vowles and trickled back into the net.

It was the beginning of

the end. Footscray assumed command and six minutes later, a glorious throughball from Mihajlovic found Zoraja. The winger veered to the right and, although pressured by Vowles, coolly shot low into the net. The last 10 minutes were anticlimax.

There were many good players, Billy Rice, cool, steady and complete master in the air, was best man on the field.

Milisavljevic played a masterly game in goal for Footscray.

Vowles, Bibby, Steele and Spiekerman were best for Ringwood. Spiekerman, a great trier, had bad luck on at least two occasions, with fine efforts.

Lions 3 (Smart, Rooney, Horner); Juventus 8 (De

George Cross 1 (Walker), Melbourne 4 (Bleskany 2, Simpson o.g., Myers). Referee: Mr. G. Harrison. St. Kilda C.C. Crowd 810.

Teams — GEORGE CROSS: Dockery, Simpson, Friedberger, Ireland, Ricks, Gardiner, Campbell, Armour, Reid, Walker and Rogers. Robertson replaced Rogers at half-time.

MELBOURNE: Surma, McGowan, McDavid, Shanks, Scott, Balerini, Bleskany, Horsfall, Stoffels, Wallace and Myers.

George Cross went back to the bad old days of shuffling the side, so that it looked as if names had been drawn out of a hat.

Bustling centre forward Simpson was played at right back and in the second minute deflected a Bleskany centre, past his own goalkeeper, to give Melbourne the lead.

Eight minutes later Bleskany made it 2-0. After only eleven minutes play, Cross scored.

Walker met a cross from Campbell, to head a neat goal.

Although Melbourne were the better side, Cross lost any chance they had of salvaging this game, four minutes after the change round.

For some inexplicable reason, coach Tommy Robertson replaced Rogers at the interval. Rogers had been their best forward.

After only four minutes Robertson was sent off and ten men couldn't cope with Melbourne.

Bleskany and Myers scored further goals and in the closing stages, Surma saved Gardiner's penalty kick.

George Cross played with very little plan and Melbourne won in a canter.

Marchi 3, McCall 3, Thomson, Kinnell). Referee: Mr. J. Greenwood. Olympic Park. Crowd 2382.

Teams — LIONS: Evans, Bartley, Schwarz, Murney, Walker, Van Zeist, McCarthy, Roseweir, Smart, Rooney, and Horner. Wenzl replaced Evans at half-time.

JUVENTUS: Reilly, Healey, Lakey, Kinnell, Irvine, Thomson, McCall and De Marchi. Sonsini replaced Lakey (cut head) after 25 minutes.

Juventus forwards clicked on Sunday at Olympic Park. They dispelled the reputation they had gained, for being goal shy in no uncertain manner.

Lions were not as inferior as the score suggests. Bad luck, coupled with fine efforts from Reilly and Kinnell, kept them down to three goals.

But more often than not, scoring three goals is sufficient to win.

Juventus rocked Lions with two goals in the first five minutes, but were themselves rocked when Lions scored twice in two minutes to be drawing 2-2 after only a quarter of an hour.

Juventus then put the pressure on and galloped away to an incredible 7-2 lead when the half-time whistle went.

A neatly headed goal by Kinnell and a rasping left foot drive by Horner were the only efforts to count in a more even second half.

McCarthy, Rooney, Smart and Horner all played very well. Roseweir steadied the defence when he dropped back in the second half.

Docherty played another great game for Juventus and is one of the most dynamic linkmen in the business, in Victoria.

Tommy McCall, besides scoring a fine hat-trick, played like the International he is. Frost was a damaging winger and De Marchi scored his third hat-trick of the season with sheer opportunism.

Box Hill 0, Hakoah 2 (Budgegan, Armstrong). Referee: Mr. B. Finnegan. Wembley Park. Crowd 675.

Teams — BOX HILL: Hagar, Rae, McLachlan, Brown, Young, Brownlie, Oxtan, McGregor, Voce, McPherson and Coles.

HAKOAH: Henderson, Douglas, Barker, Murney, O'Neill, Stenhouse, Fry, Clarey, Armstrong, Bridgeman and Cameron. Gadsby

replaced Clarey after 78 minutes.

Box Hill surprised Hakoah with their tenacity and spirit. It took the visitors an hour to find the Hillmen's net.

When it came, it was a terrific 20 yard drive by Bridgeman following a combined forward move.

Baker never put a foot wrong and was the best player on the ground, with Bridgeman a close second.

The old firm of Murney, O'Neill and Stenhouse controlled mid-field which gave Henderson a quiet afternoon.

Box Hill were no push-over and on this form could speedily return to State League.

Rae played a tremendous game and Hagar was safe in goal.

Hakoah's forward line missed too many chances,

but in the end, the visitors deserved their victory.

South Melbourne Hellas 1 (Ackerley), Croatia 0. Referee: Mr. R. Lamb. Middle Park. Crowd 3240.

Teams — SOUTH MELB. HELLAS: Stevens, Kelly, Kiriazis, Bedford, High, Dimitisianos, Pyrgolios, Kambouropoulos, Ackerley, Gorrie and Mandalis.

CROATIA: Voigt, Williamson, Gunn, McArthur, Williams, Rau, Hargreaves, Davies, McIntyre, J. McKay and Vojtek.

A very even game, with neither side rising to great heights.

Following Ackerley's goal in the 65th minute, Croatia faded out and Hellas finished well on top.

In the first half, Croatia forwards had their chances but failed miserably.

Horst Rau played an outstanding game for the visi-

tors. Strong in defence he also put good balls through to his forwards.

Hargreaves and Jimmy McKay were their best forwards. Vojtek is having a lean spell and appears out of form.

Johnny Bedford was the best man on the field. He, David High, and David Kelly were the main reasons Croatia failed to score, although Stevens dealt effectively with everything that came his way.

A good result for Hellas, but they still lack bite.

Port Melbourne Slavia 0, Polonia 0. Referee: Mr. J. Dixon. Murphy Reserve. Crowd 1380.

Teams — P.M. SLAVIA: O'Hara, Livingstone, McBain, Reed, Zanatta, Shedden, Gildea, Schleicher, Kraus, Steele and Butler.

POLONIA: Litwin, Knot,

Sowula, Olinowski, Zurawski, Czapnik, Widera, Closs, Adamczyk and Plaskota. Millar replaced Adamczyk after 33 minutes.

In a drab first half, with both defences well on top, the only thrill came when Butler crashed an angled shot against the inside of the upright and the ball rebounded into play.

The second half showed a bit more life, but neither attack looked likely to get on top. Livingstone, Zanatta and McBain controlled their penalty area, as did Olinowski, Zurawski and Czapnik.

O'Hara and Litwin dealt easily with the few balls that came their way.

Both sides must learn to put more fire into their attacks if they hope to attract the paying public.

A fair result.

## In the Nick of time



Out at Ringwood City-Wilhelmina, they call Nick Van Egmond "Nick the saver." And here's why. Nick, a former Australian Rules high flier, is now a high-flying goalie — and he brings off some remarkable saves.



## The heat is on...

With Footscray and Ringwood running neck and neck, their two remaining games will be like Cup Finals.

Neither side can afford a slip, for it would put the other in the box seat.

A three - concerned struggle between Lions, Hakoah and Croatia, for the last position in the four, adds further interest to this year's competition.

Croatia, in the doldrums, face Lions at Olympic Park on Saturday.

Lions, smarting after the thrashing administered by Juventus last Sunday will be flat out to win. They are keen to finish in the four.

Croatia shape better on their home ground, but I do not think they will be good enough to stop Rooney, McCarthy, Smart and Horner.

Lions will need to pull their defence much tighter to keep out J. McKay, McIntyre and Davies.

Moving Tommy Roseweir out of defence wasn't a good idea.

He has developed into one of the League's best full backs and Lions need him

in that position.

Ringwood City should overcome a moderate Slavia and thus put the pressure on Footscray for their game against Hellas. Slavia have a compact and rugged defence.

It is to be hoped that Atkins can resolve his problems with the club, for they need his flashing shots and opportunistic goal scoring.

Butler appears the only goal scoring danger, but veteran Kraus can never be overlooked. Ringwood to win and stay at the top.

Melbourne will have no easy task against rugged and determined Box Hill. The Hillmen put up a great fight against Hakoah and can be depended on to extend Melbourne to the full.

Without Rogers, Bleskany appears to have taken on the goal scoring role and Myers is fast and dangerous.

Coles has scored fairly regularly for Box Hill and Melbourne won't have to give him much rope.

Their half back line of Shanks, Scott and Ballerini should control mid-field and present their forwards with enough chances.

Melbourne to win narrowly.

Footscray JUST are a well balanced side that plays copy book Soccer. In spite of their narrow victory over Croatia, I cannot see them stopping Footscray.

Bedford, High and Kelly are in great form. If they can effectively counter the whistles of Buljevic, Mikajlovic and Zoraja there could be an upset result.

Having pulled up to level top, I am certain that Footscray will turn on the power and win again.

Billy Rice will look after Ackerley and Gorrie appears a trifle Soccer weary. I take Footscray JUST to win.

On last Sunday's form Juventus should defeat George Cross easily, at Olympic Park, on Sunday.

Juventus clicked, at long

last and showed that they are capable of beating any team in the State.

They still have a slim chance of top honours and will show Cross, little mercy.

Sunday's third game will be at Middle Park.

With a position in the four at stake, I feel that Hakoah will win this one. Polonia have faltered a little in the last couple of matches and will be battling to get anything out of this game.

Baker, O'Neill, Murney and Stenhouse are a formidable quartet to pass.

Free scorers Siwka will probably find the experienced O'Neill too much for him.

Hakoah will also need to improve their finishing to get past Litwin, who is an accomplished keeper.

Hakoah will win a hard struggle.

## Juniors leave

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"They are a terrific bunch," he said. "Every

member of the squad has trained hard and absorbed the tactics devised by the coach. Both on and off the field their behaviour is impeccable and they will be a credit to Victoria.

"The Federation have been wonderful in their support, particularly in regard to finance. I am sure the boys will repay the VSF by their efforts in Newcastle."

Richard Bens (16) will captain the Victorian team. Born in Holland, he came to Sydney five years ago and two years later moved to Melbourne.

He joined Ringwood City Wilhelmina and has played with them ever since.

Before boarding the plane he said: "We shall all try our hardest. I think that we have a good chance of winning. Team spirit is high and it is a joy to play under our coach."

## SENT OFF

GEORGE CROSS coach Robertson created a dubious record last Saturday when he played what is probably the shortest game on record.

Substituting himself for left winger Rogers at half-time, he fell foul of referee Mr. Geoff Harrison after only four minutes play and got his marching orders.

It seemed an odd move in the first place, for Rogers was best player in the George Cross side up to half-time.

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# THE ROLES OF REILLY

By GEORGE YELLAND

In a season which has produced a crop of first class keepers, one man emerged as an outstanding exponent of the art — Jack Reilly, Juventus and Victoria star.

Early in 1969, Mr. John Oliphant brought him to Melbourne to join Juventus and so far he hasn't regretted it.

It is refreshing to hear his comments about the Juventus club. "They have been great", he says. "Every promise they made they have kept and I am really happy with the club. The playing staff are grand fellows and 1969 has been a memorable season."

Asked about his future plans, he said that

he likes Australia and hopes to stay here. He would like to bring his mother out, but there is the problem of the family business.

Asked about his impressions of Australian Soccer, and more particularly Soccer in Victoria, he was quite forthright.

"Too many players just aren't pulling their weight. They are not training properly and they are not giving 90

minutes of sustained effort.

Future progress of the game here rests with the players. Crowds won't roll up to see half-hearted displays. Only when players realise their responsibility to the fans and play fast exciting and dedicated Soccer, will crowds begin to increase."

He feels that the administration is doing a fair job with limited resources but players hold the key to future suc-

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## JUNIORS -what's their future?

By  
George Yelland

The second year of central control of Junior Soccer has been a combination of success and failure.

Highlight of the season's activities lies in the three inter-State squads, doing battle in Newcastle and Adelaide this week.

The Junior Federation deserves great credit for the enterprise and organisation shown in sending THREE squads away at

the same time. It is a great experience for these Under 12, 14 and 16 years old boys and they will be great ambassadors for Soccer and for Victoria.

The V.S.F. have backed them to the hilt, but Junior club officials and supporters let the side down when they failed to support the Junior Ball, where it was hoped to get much needed finance to support these trips. As a result, the Under 14 trip will be curtailed somewhat. Had it

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He was delighted to be called to the Victoria squad and has an ambition to make the National team.

Most Victorians are of the opinion that his selection should be automatic. He is not a showman, but is coolly efficient in an unobtrusive manner.

On Juniors, he agreed that it was essential to look after them from very early years. Long-term promotion of Junior Soccer is the only way to make the game truly Australian.

This tall, good looking and very modest young man is a great addition to Victorian Soccer. We wish him every success in the future and hope he will grace the local Soccer scene for many years to come.

People who know their Soccer have no doubts that Jack is by far the best goalkeeper in Australia today.

His performance in the recent Victoria-Greece match showed that he is of International standing. Cool and courageous, his anticipation, reflexes and disposition of the ball were faultless.

If ever a man merited position in the Australian squad, it is Jack Reilly.

On the 27th August 1944, Jack was born in Stonehaven, Scotland. Three months later, as the Second World War was building up to its climax, an all too familiar tragedy struck the young family. Jack's father was killed in action in France.

Mrs. Reilly worked hard in her small business to provide for her child and give him a good education.

He attended Mackie Academy and, of course, played Soccer for the school. From the start, he favoured goalkeeping and has never played any other position.

At 17, he signed professional forms for famous Scottish First Division club Hibernian, with whom he stayed five years. His natural talent soon brought recognition in the form of first team selection.

During his time with Hibs, he made many appearances against such world-famous clubs as Rangers, Celtic, Hearts, etc.

In 1966, the lure of adventure took him to America where he joined Washington in the Na-

tional Soccer League. He was regular goalkeeper with the side until the League was disbanded 17 months later.

In the first full season, Washington had a successful run, losing to Atlanta by the only goal of the game in the League championship play off.

He participated in many exciting games and even the atmosphere of "ballyhoo" inseparable from American sporting events, did not detract from the high standard of much of the Soccer played there. Following the collapse of the National League, Reilly returned to Scotland, marking time until a decision was reached whether the League would be revived or not.



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wildly and too many irrelevant matters have been brought up and discussed.

Officialdom is aware of the problems and steps are being taken to eliminate them.

Plans are afoot to streamline the executive and to appoint an officer at Soccer House to handle only Junior affairs.

These are progressive moves but I believe they should be taken further.

There are so many Junior teams now that the business of arranging fix-

tures is too big to be handled by a central authority. The Metropolitan area should be divided into strategic and well designed sections. Sub committees should be appointed to organise competitions, similar to the old North and South of the Yarra, etc., but without their autonomy. They would merely be fixture organising committees, answerable to the parent body.

All other matters would be the province of the

Management Committee, including organisation of Cup competitions.

I discussed this matter with two hard working Junior officials, Mr. Gordon Culbard, chairman of the Junior League Management Committee and Mr. Jack Murray, a member of the committee.

They both feel that streamlining of the management will lead to more efficiency. They also feel that with a full time Junior Secretary, fixtures can be adequately controlled and

organisation of all Junior and school's Soccer would be satisfactory.

Frankly, I have doubts. The one big problem is to overcome the break-down in fixtures. There is more discontent among Junior players over missing their Saturday sport than any other single thing.

Some system of control MUST be devised to eliminate drop outs and not turning up.

Senior clubs sponsoring Juniors should be made to

accept full responsibility for their teams turning up for all games. Other clubs who fall down in this particular aspect must be severely dealt with.

Youngsters easily become discouraged and it is hard to maintain their interest if, week after week, they turn up and don't get a game.

Refereeing is another contentious point.

With few official Referees available for Junior games, they are usually handled by an official of

one or other club. Well-meaning though these gentlemen are, they lack the knowledge and experience, often complicating matters by club bias.

Applications are asked for, addressed to Soccer House, from any or everyone interested in learning the Laws of Soccer and most important, how to apply them. The Referee's body will be only too happy to supply qualified instructors.

Boys of any age, desirous of learning are invited.

# ALEXANDER-THEY'RE WORTHY CHAMPIONS

By ALISTAIR COOK

ALEXANDER proved themselves to be worthy First Division champions at Olympic Park last Saturday when they scored a convincing 3-1 win over challengers Keilor City.

Their promotion to the State League never seemed to be in doubt, for they always were a class above the enthusiastic but inexperienced Keilor youngsters.

The large crowd saw the teams line up in the following formation:—Alexander: Economides, Xanthopoulos, Glennie, Rouvalis, Kriaris, Glykokalamos, Mangopolous, Karavelis, Papaconstantinou, Fokianos, Brown. Keilor City: Golonski, Gerick, Tzias, Koma, Menary, Szezewczuk, R. Kupisz, Nowak, E. Kupisz, W. Klain, K. Klain, Grady.

Keilor started off shakily in defence, with Golonski venturing too far from his goal, and it looked to be only a matter of time before Alexander could go to the front.

Papaconstantinou missed a couple of good chances

in the early stages, but after 20 minutes his persistence was rewarded when he found the net with a good header following a brilliant run down the left wing by Ron Brown.

Brown was the danger player for Alexander, and only some great saves by goalkeeper Golonski kept Keilor in the game.

After 39 minutes, however, Alexander's right winger, Jimmy Mangopolous, swept the ball into the net from 12 yards to ensure his side's promotion to the State League.

Outside right Harry Nowak almost reduced the teeway for Keilor two minutes after half-time, but his good header was cleared off the goal-line by Alexander full-back Xanthopoulos.

Two minutes after Xanthopoulos increased Alexander's lead from the penalty spot after Papaconstantinou had been brought down when he was dribbling his way through the very open Keilor defence.

Both sides had several scoring opportunities later in the half, but some incredible misses from point-blank range spoiled the good lead-up work of their midfield players.

Kaz Klein scored a consolation goal for Keilor in the dying seconds of the game when he beat the Alexander 'keeper with a low shot from 20 yards.

Keilor were never able to match Alexander, however, who were superior in both class and confidence and should do well next year.

Ringwood United improved their already formidable reputation with a 3-1 win over the injury-stricken Dandenong City.

City got off to a good start when after only two minutes one of their forwards hit the cross-bar with a strong shot.

In the fifth minute Gerry Keuken put the Ringwood side ahead when he out-paced the Dandenong defence before sliding the ball past the advancing goalkeeper.

Dandenong equalised in a goal-mouth scramble 15 minutes later, but three minutes before half-time David Johnstone took advantage of a defensive error to put United back in front with a good header.

Midway through the second half Keuken scored again for Ringwood in a similar fashion to his first effort and had his teammates been straighter in their shooting they might have won by a wider margin.

Coburg United rounded off the season with a crushing 1-0 win over the relegated Maribyrnong-Triestina side.

Big Coburg centre-forward Bobby Malcolm scored five goals for his side, with former Lions striker Graeme Watson grabbing three of the others.

Coburg are not out of the woods yet, however, for, although Springvale, who lost 1-6 to Sunshine City, are one point behind them, they still have one game to play — against Ringwood United.

**THIRD DIVISION**  
Princes Park Hercules rounded off the season as Third Division champions with a 2-1 win over Clayton.

Inside right Chris Katsi-yaannis put them ahead from close range after 20 minutes of the first half, but Clayton, who have done well in recent weeks, tested the Princes Park side's defence with some strong attacks.

ladder, they are only one point ahead of Richmond, who meet Waverley this week in another postponed fixture.

Prahran left nothing to chance in their drubbing of Albion Rovers, who in recent weeks have been forced to field several players in both their first and reserve teams.

Graeme Clamp put City ahead midway through the first half, and Jackie Gow increased their lead soon after.

Linkman Geoff Sant scored another goal for Prahran before half-time with a brilliant effort following good work by Gow.

Top scorer for Prahran, Steve Freund, grabbed his 20th goal of the year after the interval then left-back Zoro Lezarevic got his first goal of the season to complete their victory.

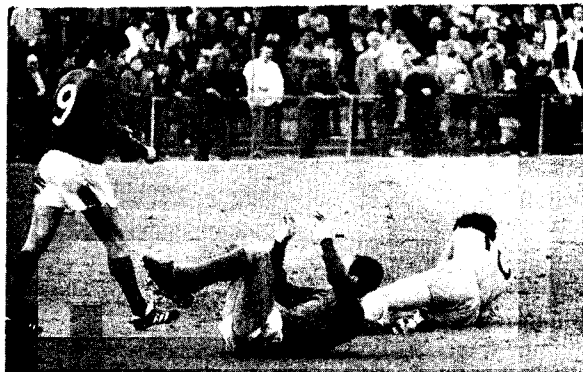
Richmond had to concentrate for the full 90 minutes in scoring a narrow 1-0 win over Frankston City.

It was a hard and fast game, with neither side conceding an inch and few chances coming to either attack.

Park Rangers left the Second Division in a blaze of glory by beating fellow relegation partners Fern-ree Gully 4-1 for their only win of the season.

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DOWN go J.U.S.T.'s Billy Rice (centre) and Ringwood's Wim Spiekerman while J.U.S.T. centre forward Lukic looks on.

## ANSTEY HOPE ENDS

By RICK LAVALE

FAWKNER knocked Anstey Roma off the top of the Central Division ladder with a five-minute goal scored by Laterra following a goalmouth scrimmage in District League Soccer last Sunday, and ended any chance Anstey may have had of winning their successive premiership.

Goalkeeper Carli was in fine form in Anstey's goal, and but for his performance Fawknor would have added to their score, for they gave a startling display of attacking soccer.

Elsternwick and Fawknor now share the lead in this division with 25 points each, but Elsternwick's superior goal average puts them in front.

Fitzroy remain hot on the heels of Elsternwick with a good 3-1 win over Regent. Koravic, Faran-acca and Fioravante scored Fitzroy's goals, while Regent replied through Cor-done.

Kingsville overran North Sunshine 7-0 and have the Western Division premiership all wrapped up.

Even without the brilliance of centre-forward Miodko, who is injured, Kingsville emphasised their superiority all over the ground, with Gole 3, Cele 2, Pero and Pece scoring the goals.

East Carlton continued their winning streak by defeating the strong Melton side 3-1, with a brilliant hat-trick from right winger Gianni Balvassari, while player-coach John Bressan was the master-mind behind his team's win and steadied his defence with experienced play when Mel-ton looked dangerous.

Cheltenham enjoyed their fifth win of the season when they outplayed Army Apprentices 7-4.

Twin spearhead Chris Wade (4) and Dick Jones (3) scored all Cheltenham's goals with their many positional changes paying dividends in this match.

Diamond Creek were rarely in the picture against Middle Park and finally went down 1-6. Inside right Trip Avromov scored the Creek's solitary goal, but their other forwards wasted three good chances early in the second half by shooting over the cross-bar.

Chadstone, currently top of Eastern Division, suffered a serious setback when centre-forward Garry Hasles broke his right leg in a practice match.

But, on the brighter side, inside forward Brian Wilkinson showed he has recovered from a recent cartilage operation.

The newly-formed Burn-ley club are applying for entry to the District League

next season. Due to a number of clubs not telephoning their scores through last week League ladders have not been compiled.

**RESULTS**  
Eastern Division: Oak-leigh v. Doveton, Doveton withdrawn; Chadstone v. Frongall, w.o. Chadstone; Hawksburn v. South Dandenong, 8-1; Cheltenham v. Army Apprentices, 7-4.

Western Division: Pascoe Vale, bye; East Carlton v. Melton, 3-1; Kingsville v. North Sunshine, 7-0; Yarra-ville, bye.

Central Division: Fitzroy

v. Regent, 3-1; Lorimer v. Elsternwick, Lorimer withdrawn; Diamond Creek v. Middle Park, 1-6; Keon Park, bye; West Preston, bye; Fawknor v. Anstey, 1-0.

**SELECTIONS**  
Eastern Division: Oak-leigh, Chadstone, North-cote v. Hawksburn draw, Frankston Pines, Langwar-rin. Central: Elsternwick v. Fitzroy draw, Middle Park, Fawknor, Regent. Western: East Carlton, Carlton, Kingsville, Garden City.

## RESULTS

**STATE LEAGUE**  
Ringwood City v. W'helmina v. Footscray JUST 0-2 (res. 9-0); Box Hill v. Hakoah 0-2 (1-2); George Cross v. Melbourne 1-4 (3-0); Lions v. Juventus 3-8 (0-0); Sth. Melb. v. Croatia 1-0 (0-1); Pt. Melb. v. Slavia v. Polonia 0-0 (0-1).

**METROPOLITAN LEAGUE**  
Division One  
Fitzroy Utd. Alexander v. Keilor City 3-1 (0-4); Preston Macedonia v. Altona City 1-3 (2-2); Ringwood Utd. v. Dandenong City 3-1 (11-0); St. Albans v. El-wood Austria 2-0 (5-2); Sunshine City v. Springvale 6-1 (0-1); Coburg v. Maribyrnong Triestina 11-0 (3-5).

Division Two  
Yallourn v. Moreland Thistle 4-0 (res. 1-1); Prahran City v. Albion Rovers 5-0 (0-3); Richmond v.

Frankston City 1-0 (2-1); Green Gully Ajax v. Sand-ringham City 3-2 (1-3); Brunswick Athena v. Waverley 0-2 (0-6); Fern-tree Gully v. Park Rangers 1-4 (0-3).

Division Three  
Univ. of Melb. v. Croydon 3-3 (res. 0-1); Glenroy v. Bayswater 1-0 (0-4); Heidelberg v. Chelsea 2-3 (0-1); Clayton v. Princes Park Hercules 1-2 (4-2); Ballarat v. St. Kilda 1-4 (2-4); Brighton v. E. Melb. Helvetic 2-1 (2-0).

Division 4  
South Yarra v. Moorab-bin 1-1 (res. 5-0); Morning-ton v. Western Suburbs ICI 0-3 (0-4); Newport v. Eit-ham 6-4 (17-0); Monash University v. North Carlton Olympic 0-0 (0-4); Corio v. Rosebud 9-0 (3-0); Doncas-ter Rovers v. Mooroolbark 1-7 (3-5).

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## STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
R'wood City Wilhelmina	20	12	4	4	41	17	28
Footscray JUST	20	11	3	6	43	22	26
Juventus	20	11	4	5	43	23	26
Croatia	20	10	3	7	33	21	23
Hakoah	20	8	6	6	28	27	22
Lions	20	10	2	8	36	35	22
South Melb. Hellas	20	9	2	9	37	35	20
Polonia	20	7	4	9	20	33	18
Melbourne	20	5	6	9	26	32	16
George Cross	20	7	1	12	25	40	15
Port Melbourne Slavia	20	5	5	10	18	31	15
Box Hill	20	2	3	15	21	52	7

## STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
R'wood City Wilhelmina	20	13	6	1	62	30	32
Juventus	20	13	4	3	49	16	30
Melbourne	19	10	3	6	27	22	23
Polonia	20	10	7	3	35	29	23
Port Melbourne Slavia	20	10	2	8	26	31	22
Hakoah	20	7	6	7	32	28	20
Lions	20	6	7	7	31	33	19
Footscray JUST	20	7	5	8	27	39	19
South Melbourne Hellas	20	6	4	10	18	27	16
Box Hill	20	5	2	13	29	50	12
Croatia	20	4	4	12	20	36	12
George Cross	19	2	6	11	28	53	10

## METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

### DIVISION ONE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Fitzroy United Alexander	22	15	5	2	51	19	37
Kellor City	22	15	3	4	58	22	33
Ringwood United	21	10	7	4	50	35	27
Dandenong City	22	10	4	8	46	33	24
St. Albans	22	11	2	9	43	34	24
Elwood Austria	22	11	2	9	38	34	24
Preston Makedonia	22	7	5	10	33	38	19
Altona	22	6	7	9	31	39	19
Sunshine City	22	6	5	11	49	43	17
Coburg	22	6	5	11	49	50	17
Springvale	21	5	6	10	29	37	16
Maribymong Triestina	22	1	3	18	12	101	5

### DIVISION TWO

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Prahan	22	14	3	5	55	28	31
Green Gully Ajax	22	14	1	7	48	24	29
Yalloum	22	12	4	6	50	31	28
Richmond	22	12	4	6	43	29	28
Frankston City	22	12	4	6	43	33	28
Brunswick Athena	22	10	7	5	44	32	27
Waverley	21	11	2	8	41	31	24
Albion Rovers	22	9	3	10	37	39	21
Sandringham	22	7	1	14	25	41	15
Moreland Thistle	22	6	3	13	27	47	15
Ferntree Gully	22	6	0	16	30	57	12
Park Rangers	22	1	2	19	19	73	4

### DIVISION THREE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Princes Park Hercules	22	15	5	2	48	21	35
Brighton	22	13	6	3	43	21	32
St. Kilda	22	14	4	4	68	35	32
Croydon	22	12	5	5	51	37	29
East Melb. Helvetic	22	12	4	6	44	29	28
Ballarat	22	9	5	8	36	34	23
Bayswater	22	7	4	11	30	42	17
Chelsea	22	7	3	12	30	42	17
Clayton	22	5	6	11	33	47	16
Heidelberg	22	6	3	13	37	51	15
Glenroy	22	6	1	15	24	58	13
University of Melbourne	22	0	6	16	24	61	6

### DIVISION FOUR

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Western Suburbs ICI	22	18	2	2	86	21	38
Mooroobark	21	18	1	2	76	15	37
Newport	22	15	2	5	75	29	32
Corio	22	11	4	7	62	33	26
Doncaster Rovers	22	11	2	9	52	38	24
Monash University	21	8	6	7	43	40	22
North Carlton Olympic	22	8	6	8	51	55	22
South Yarra	22	7	0	11	45	58	18
Eltham	22	8	0	14	49	62	18
Mooroobin	22	5	4	13	32	43	14
Mornington	22	4	2	16	30	70	10
Rosebud	22	1	2	20	11	142	3

## DIVISION ONE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Kellor City	22	19	1	2	88	23	39
Ringwood United	22	15	6	8	87	35	31
Sunshine City	22	14	1	7	47	36	29
Elwood Austria	22	11	4	7	54	36	26
Altona	21	11	3	7	41	31	25
Dandenong City	22	8	6	8	48	46	22
Springvale	21	6	7	8	35	47	19
Coburg	21	6	6	9	33	42	18
St. Albans	21	7	4	10	31	44	18
Preston Makedonia	22	3	6	13	32	57	12
Fitzroy United Alexander	22	3	6	13	29	51	12

## DIVISION TWO RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Albion Rovers	22	18	1	3	62	17	37
Waverley	22	14	5	3	63	19	33
Richmond	22	13	4	5	41	26	30
Yalloum	22	13	2	7	59	35	28
Frankston City	22	11	3	8	59	37	25
Prahan	22	11	0	11	52	34	22
Park Rangers	22	8	6	8	40	39	22
Moreland Thistle	22	6	4	12	30	47	16
Ferntree Gully	22	6	2	14	25	49	14
Green Gully Ajax	22	5	3	14	33	53	13
Sandringham	22	4	4	14	24	68	12
Brunswick Athena	22	3	3	16	18	82	9

## DIVISION THREE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Clayton	22	17	1	4	75	27	35
Bayswater	22	15	3	4	64	36	33
Brighton	22	13	3	6	57	33	29
Princes Park Hercules	21	12	2	7	51	47	26
University of Melbourne	21	10	6	6	46	30	26
Croydon	22	11	2	9	54	54	24
Glenroy	22	10	2	10	48	48	22
Heidelberg	22	8	5	9	43	37	21
Chelsea	22	8	3	11	34	41	19
East Melbourne Helvetic	22	7	3	12	33	55	17
St. Kilda	22	2	4	16	30	74	8
Ballarat	22	0	3	19	21	74	3

## DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Mooroobark	22	22	0	0	129	13	44
Newport	22	16	3	3	103	27	35
Western Suburbs ICI	22	14	3	5	93	31	31
North Carlton Olympic	22	14	0	8	55	42	28
South Yarra	22	12	3	7	69	40	27
Corio	22	10	3	9	48	39	23
Doncaster Rovers	22	9	9	10	36	63	21
Monash University	22	10	1	11	38	63	21

## DISTRICT LEAGUE

### Eastern Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Chadstone	15	11	3	1	66	14	25
Oakleigh	14	10	2	2	43	21	22
Frankston Pines	14	9	2	3	60	23	20
Northcote	13	9	1	3	41	16	19
Hawthorn	16	8	2	6	47	33	18
Langwarrin	14	7	2	4	57	28	16
Cheltenham	15	5	1	9	18	56	11
South Dandenong	14	2	3	9	28	41	7
Army Apprentices	11	2	0	9	19	59	4
Froggnall United	16	0	0	16	14	104	0

### Reserve Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Chadstone	16	14	2	0	38	6	30
North Sunshine	15	10	0	5	20	10	20
Fawkner	15	9	0	8	17	24	18
East Carlton	15	8	1	6	12	33	17
Frankston Pines	15	7	2	6	30	16	16
Langwarrin	14	7	2	5	20	21	16
Army Apprentices	13	5	1	7	5	24	11
South Dandenong	14	5	0	9	8	37	10
Carlton	16	4	1	11	12	7	9
Pascoe Vale	15	0	1	14	1	1	1

### Western Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Kingsville	15	12	2	1	68	18	26
Ardeer	16	9	5	2	33	17	23
Garden City	14	10	1	3	37	20	21
Melton	16	9	1	6	45	37	19
East Carlton	15	8	2	5	26	25	18
Pascoe Vale	15	6	0	9	36	31	12
North Sunshine	15	6	0	9	25	34	12
Yarraville	16	4	1	11	25	47	9
North Altona	15	1	1	13	18	54	3
Carlton	15	0	3	12	15	45	3

To be replayed - Northcote v. Oakleigh

Garden City v. Kingsville

### Central Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Anstey	17	11	3	3	48	19	25
Elsterwick	15	10	2	2	56	17	23
Fawkner	18	9	5	2	40	25	23
Fitzroy	15	10	2	3	52	17	22
Keon Park	17	8	4	5	42	17	20
Regent	15	6	4	5	35	30	16
West Preston	16	7	0	9	41	27	14
Middle Park	15	4	1	10	30	41	9
Lorimer United	15	1	0	14	9	16	2
Diamond Creek	15	1	0	14	6	150	2

## THIRDS COMPETITION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Dandenong City	17	15	0	2	74	17	30
Hakoah	17	11	1	5	52	42	23
Waverley	15	10	2	3	57	29	22
Croydon	17	10	2	5	30	35	22
Clayton	17	9	2	6	57	43	22
Ringwood United	14	8	2	4	40	19	18
Springvale	16	8	0	8	37	50	16
Mooroobark	16	7	1	8	51	64	15
University of Melbourne	17	3	2	12	17	58	8
Doncaster	17	2	1	14	7	45	5
Brighton	17	1	1	15	15	21	3

# FIXTURES

## STATE LEAGUE, Saturday, 6th September

CROATIA v. LIONS (Olympic Park). Referee: Stacey
RINGWOOD CITY v. WILHELMINA v

# The fouls were rare in Mexico

England's duel with the Mexican team in the oppressive heat of the Aztec Stadium during the South American tour provided another important pointer to next year's World Cup games.

It was clear that, because of the heat, players expended less energy—and there was a big drop in the number of fouls.

There were barely a dozen fouls during the game with Mexico. None was vicious, so the indications are there could be plenty of trouble-free Cup games.

This is despite a hate campaign against England which has been

growing in South America since England won the World Cup in 1966.

Keen as the Mexicans were to prove their worth they showed no inclination to rough it up. And there were no histrionics following European-style tackles.

England, of course, adapted their game to the conditions. There is nothing more tiring than crunching into tackles and bouncing opponents aside.

Sir Alf Ramsey obviously briefed his men to cut down on physical contact.

Instead, Bobby Moore and the

other players back-tracked, looking for an interception or a simple flick off the toe.

Only when the Mexican forwards came within shooting range of goalie Gordon West was there the typical European challenge for the ball.

Energy is precious at altitude and Europeans have to conserve every ounce of strength to avoid the burning chest pains of oxygen-starvation.

So Sir Alf's ruling for the World Cup games is: "We must hit our men with our passes. The ball will have to be placed exactly to

save a colleague any extra effort."

When conditions demand that sort of economy, strong tackles that drain the energy and inflame the opposition are pointless.

It is this sort of heavy tackling, particularly from behind, that angers the Latins.

With the Europeans forced to play a slower, less physical game, the contrast between the two styles of play will be greatly reduced. The possibility of big trouble will be almost ruled out.

If this turns out to be the case, next year's Cup could be a showcase for all that is best in soccer.

## They're tough men to beat those English

What is it like to face up to the world soccer champions, England? One man who reckons he knows the answer is Celtic and Scotland star Billy McNeil.

### Sheffield are the fit ones

Sheffield Wednesday's players should be among the fittest in the English first division. They used a local golf course for pre-season training—but not to play golf.

Most people reckon three hours is average time for a round of golf, but the Wednesday men were told they had to get round in 30 minutes!

That was the target set by team boss Tommy McNamara.

"The boys did not take their clubs," he said. "I just pushed them round the six-mile circuit as fast as they could go."

"I was determined the players would be fit before they started their official training."

"The days are past when players could lie around for three months putting on excess weight. The season has stretched out and fitness must be maintained for 12 months. Time spent in shedding weight is time wasted."

"If the mental attitude is right there is no reason why a full-time professional should not stay at or around peak condition all the time."

He says: "The England team which beat Scotland 4-1 at Wembley in the home international series is without doubt the greatest team I have played against anywhere at club or international level."

"When they come at you they come in a seemingly never-ending flow. Every man is good in possession."

"All his mates are heading for positions where he can easily find them. And, once they get there, they really want the ball."

"Above all, they are a team. But, as individuals, they have a tremendous pride in playing for England."

"When you go at them they form a white wall in a flash. Most of the time you just can't see a way through it."

"A truly great team where individuals can show their skills as part of the pattern."

Behind McNeil as England roared to the home international championship was Scotland goalie Jim Herriot, of Birmingham City. He says:

"It is amazing the number of patterns England work to in their build-up. They are so clever on the ball you can never be certain until the last split second whether they are going to shoot, to pass or even to cross."

"Look along that forward line we faced. Every one can blast a ball. And some of the players further back can hit them home, too."

Soccer's greatest Scot, Sir Matt Busby, of Manchester United, says:

"That was a great team out there at Wembley. But the thing to remember is that England can field FOUR teams of almost equal merit."



## TAFFY LOOKS AT POOLS

The decision of the Pool promoters to count three points for a score draw has already proved its worth, for dividends on last Saturday week (August 23) when there were 19 draws, would have been peanuts had it not been for the new rule.

With 13 of the draws scoring, the dividends were up to four figures. Here they are, in sterling currency, for that date:

**LITTLEWOODS**  
Treble Chance Pool: 24 pts. £7,023 for 1d.; 23 pts. £123; 22 pts. £41/1/-; 21 pts. £1; 20 pts. 4/-.

**Twelve Match Results**  
Pool: 12 correct £602/16/- for 2d.; 11 correct £19/16/-; 10 correct £1.

**El-Score**  
Pool: 24 pts. £8,470 for 2d.; 23 pts. £3,538; 22 pts. £41; 21 pts. £47; 20 pts. £2/12/-.

**Three Draws: 8/-**  
**Nine Results: 6,264/-**  
**Four Aways: 68/-**

**VERNONS**  
Treble Chance Pool: 24 pts. £596/12/- for a farthing; 23 pts. £12/8/-; 22 pts. £14/-; 21 pts. 2/-.

**Twelve Match Results**  
Pool: 11 correct £56/8/- for 2d.; 10 correct £2/13/-; 9 correct 4/-.

**Golden Scoop Pool: 24 pts. £143/8/- for 1d.; 23 pts. £2/4/-; 22 pts. £1/8/-.**

**Three Draws: 6/-**  
**Eight Results: 8,104/-**  
**Four Aways: 76/-**  
**Simple Six: 420/-**

Again, for Saturday the top dividends on the Treble Chance will be in the record payout, and although the top payout will be on 23 points they will be in the five-figure bracket.

There were only 10 Draws, with only seven of them scoring. The way they were on the coupons perm. punters will not be very happy, hence the expected huge payout.

The balance of the coupon was 11 Aways and 32 Home winners.

If you were lucky enough to strike Four Aways you can expect a large payout on that pool.

And now for next Saturday week, September 13, the following should win at home to earn the stake-saver:

**EIGHT AND NINE RESULTS**

\*Chelsea  
\*Everton  
\*Nottingham Forest  
\*Tottenham  
\*Hull City  
\*Middlesbrough  
\*Swindon Town  
\*Bury Town  
\*Gillingham  
\*Shrewsbury  
\*Brentford  
\*Colchester

Grimsby Town  
\*York City  
\*Celtic  
\*Dundee United  
**FOUR AWAYS**  
\*Liverpool  
\*Leeds United  
\*Sheffield United  
\*Luton Town  
\*Port Vale  
\*Rangers

**THREE DRAWS**

Burnley v. Arsenal  
Watford v. Aston Villa  
Walsall v. Rotherham  
And now for those hard to find scoring draws, I suggest the following for a slice of those record dividends:

**TREBLE CHANCE POOL**

\*Burnley v. Arsenal  
\*West Bromwich v. Ipswich Town  
\*Huddersfield v. Blackpool  
\*Norwich City v. Charlton  
\*Preston v. Queens  
\*Park Rangers  
\*Preston v. Blackburn  
\*Watford v. Aston Villa  
\*Doncaster Rovers v. Tranmere  
\*Plymouth v. Halifax Town  
\*Stockport County v. Reading  
\*Walsall v. Rotherham  
\*Chesterfield v. Newport  
\*Aberdeen v. Morton  
\*Arbroath v. Stranmere  
\*Indicates best selections  
\*Best of luck punters, until next week—TAFFY.

Ringwood City's Jan Feenstra (left) and J.U.S.T.'s Branko Buljevic look on open-mouthed as Ringwood goalie Nick Van Egmond misses the ball. No. 7 is J.U.S.T. winger Slobodan Zoraja.

### Doubt on St. Kilda

Melbourne and George Cross could lose their home ground at St. Kilda if a move by Australian Rules club Fitzroy comes off.

Fitzroy, anxious to leave Carlton, have made approaches to the St. Kilda Cricket Club. Secretary Gordon Tamblin said that the ground was committed to soccer and at this stage the club is happy with the tenants.

It is known that the agreement between Melbourne and George Cross, confirmed this arrangement, and added that up until the present everything had gone cordially. St. Kilda had gone out of their way to make the soccer clubs comfortable.

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### AN EXPERT ANSWERS

**SOCCER NEWS** pools expert, Taffy, was in Pentridge this Wednesday. Each year the editor of the Sporting Globe takes a panel of sporting personalities along to talk on a variety of sports.

As editor of Miller's Guide and a soccer expert Taffy had plenty to say and some tricky questions to answer.

He left two copies of the current issue of Miller's Guide for the prison library.

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